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Delegating Work to Independent Service Providers**PATENT APPLICATION**

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REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Reply is in response to the final Office Action dated June 16, 2004.

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